# Predicting mechanical restraint using machine learning

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### Mechanical Restraint -Background

- Physical restraint of psychiatric inpatients using leather belts/straps
- Used to prevent imminent violence from patients
- Worldwide inpatient prevalence 1-20%
- Associated with many adverse effects both psychological and physical trauma
- Some risk factors have been identified male, schizophrenia, involuntary admission
- Paucity of studies trying to predict mechanical restraint episodes
- Identification of at-risk patients would enable launching interventions to reduce risk



#### Predicting Mechanical Restraint – Aim & Design

- Aim: Develop a model that predict mechanical restraint during admission
  - Based on data available up to the first hour of admission
  - Prediction should be valid for the first three days of the admission
  - Only first mechanical restraint episode
- Study design



# Setting & data

- Setting Central Denmark Region
  - 1.3 million inhabitants
  - 7 psychiatric hospitals (run by one administrative unit)
  - Total psychiatric bed capacity was 455
- Data
  - Electronic health record implemented in Central Denmark Region (MidtEPJ)
    - Information from the psychiatric hospitals spanning 4 years (2012-2015)
    - A total 56.000 patients
    - Administrative data
    - Clinical notes
  - The Danish Psychiatric Central Research Register
  - The Register of Coercive Measures in Psychiatric Treatment

# Materials – Clinical notes in MidtEPJ

#### Brøset Violence Checkliste (BVC)

Forvirret adfærd:\*

Irritabilitet:\*

Støjende adfærd:\*

Verbale trusler:\*

Fysiske trusler:\*

Angreb på ting eller genstande:\*

Sum:

Kommentar:

Tolkning:

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Skæremes til egen stue. Tilbydes beroligende medicin.

Sum >2: Risiko for voldelig adfærd er meget høj, handleplan følges og tilpasses situationen

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Handlingsmæssige konsekvenser:

### Materials – Clinical notes in MidtEPJ

#### Aktuelt psykisk

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Patienten er meget trist, græder det meste af dagen over "ting som egentlige er ligegyldige". Har mange selvbebrejdelser - både over for familien men også over hændelser der ligger mange år tilbage og som patienten ikke har tænkt over i lang tid...

# Predicting Mechanical Restraint - Method

- Method
  - Split sample (70% training dataset and 30% test dataset)
  - Model development
    - 8 features from structured data (sex, diagnoses, age, BVC ect.)
    - 78 features from unstructured data (clinical notes in natural language)
      - Selected specific themes
      - Notes with the same theme were concatenated
      - Text pre-processing
      - Vector space model
      - Singular value decomposition
    - Lasso regression (least absolute shrinkage and selection operator)
    - Random forest
    - Support vector machine
    - Stepwise forward logistic regression
    - Neural network

# Predicting Mechanical Restraint – Results

- Results
  - A total of 5,050 patients were included with a total of 8,869 admissions
  - 100 admissions where the patient was restraint
  - The random forest was validated in the test set
  - At 94% specificity the sensitivity was 56% and the PPV was 8.1%
  - A total of 45 features were used by the random forest
  - Of the 10 most important features 8 were derived from clinical notes in natural language

Area under curve = 0.87 (95% CI: 0.79-0.93)



# Predicting Mechanical Restraint – Results

Data Source	Terms (Freely translated from Danish)	Label
Register (type of admission)	N/A	N/A
MidtEPJ (BVC score)	N/A	N/A
MidtEPJ (Subjective Mental State)	Department, paper, somatic, red, admission	Somatic comorbidity
MidtEPJ (Subjective Mental State)	I. I. ask. we. sav	Sparse/non- coherent verbal response
MidtEPJ (Subjective Mental State)	Answer, question, describe, asked, answered	Non- informative verbal response

#### Conclusion

- Compared to other risk scores used in psychiatry:
  - Based on accuracy (AUC) our model is clinically useful
  - No time spent scoring patients